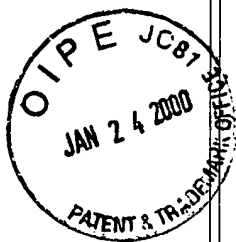


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

David E. Shepherd

Application No.: 09/410,545

Filed: October 1, 1999

For: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR LOADING AND STORING  
DATA IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM**

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated October 22, 1999 for one month, from December 22, 1999 to January 22, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Response to Notice of Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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